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## Joint Select Committee on Arts Education

**Section 1.** The **Joint Select Committee on Arts Education** (hereinafter "Committee") is established by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6(a1), Rule 31 of the Rules of the Senate of the 2007 General Assembly, and Rule 26(a) of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 2007 General Assembly.

**Section 2.** The Committee consists of 16 members. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint 8 members of the Committee, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint 8 members of the Committee. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint a co-chair from among their respective appointees. The Committee and the terms of the members shall expire when the Committee submits a final report to the General Assembly. Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing officer.

## President Pro Tempore Appointments Speaker Appointments

**Section 3.** The Committee shall study the current status of arts education in North Carolina and shall evaluate the impact of requiring one credit in arts education for graduation from a North Carolina public high school. Although the Committee may review any other issue it deems relevant, the Committee shall consider:

- 1. The role of arts education in preparing North Carolina children to compete in a global economy, including arts education and the development of a creative work force, arts education and international understanding, and arts education and impact on math and science learning.
- 2. The role of arts education in advancing North Carolina's educational goals, including arts education and increased literacy skills, arts education and improved student performance, arts education and social and character development, and arts education impact on youth at risk.

**Section 4.** The Committee shall meet upon the call of its co-chairs. A quorum of the Committee is a majority of its members. No action may be taken except by a majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

**Section 5**. The Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and Article 5A of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes. The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services, as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

**Section 6**. Members of the Committee shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowance as provided in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5 and 138-6, as appropriate.

**Section 7**. The expenses of the Committee shall be considered expenses incurred for the joint operation of the General Assembly. An initial allocation of \$35,000 shall be provided to the Committee from funds appropriated to the General Assembly.

**Section 8.** The Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist the Committee in its work. The Director of Legislative Assistants of the House of Representatives and the Director of Legislative Assistants of the Senate shall assign clerical support staff to the Committee.

**Section 9.** The Committee may meet at various locations around the State in order to promote greater public participation in its deliberations. The Legislative Services Commission shall grant adequate meeting space to the Committee in the State Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

**Section 10**. The Committee may submit an interim report on the results of its study, including any proposed legislation, to the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, on or before May 1, 2008, by filing a copy of the report with the Office of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Legislative Library. The Committee shall submit a final report on the results of its study, including any proposed legislation, to the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, on or before December 31, 2008, by filing a copy of the report with the Office of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Legislative Library. The Committee shall submit a final report with the Office of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Legislative Library. The Committee shall terminate on December 31, 2008, or upon the filing of its final report, whichever occurs first.

Effective this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

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